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- It is rumored that there exists a serious conflict between Marshal Fokossovski and Boleslaw Bierut, President of Poland. Observers claim that Jakub Berran, who has had much influence on Dierut, will be the victim of this dispute.
- Hilary Mine, Vice Premier and Director of the National Economic Planning Committee, has again fallen into disfavor with the Kremlin. It is believed, however, that he will remain in his present position for some time. The identity of his successor is not known. Zygmunt Modzelewski, the Foreign Minister, is also expected to be released from his post in the near future. He claims officially to be in ill bealth and may already have retired.
- The latest list of government nominations in Varsaw indicates that such former NKVD members as Alaksander Zawadzki, Franciszek Vitold-Jozwiak, Edward Ochab and Mazur have come into power. They supersede men who opposed them prior to the appointment of Pokossovski.
- The black market in dollars in Poland is reported to be directly dependent on the emigration of Polish Jews. Early in 1950 the exchange rate in Warsaw was 3000 zlotys to the dollar. A few days after emigration was forbidden, the rate dropped to 1600 to 1800 zlotys to the dollar.

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